

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending; claims 1, 7-10 and 15-17 are rejected; claims 2-6 and 11-14 are objected to; and claims 18-21 are allowed in this application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 9 and 12 are amended; and claims 2 and 11 are cancelled hereby.

Responsive to the objection to the drawings regarding the need to show a duplexing path, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to arrow 26 of Fig. 1 and line 4 of page 5 of the specification, which states that the duplexing path is indicated by arrow 26, and is shown in Fig. 1. Since duplexing path 26 is illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification, Applicant submits that the feature is shown and described and has taken no further action to amend the specification or the drawings of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the drawings are in allowable form and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection.

Responsive to the requirement to make the title of the invention more descriptive, Applicant has amended the title as described in the foregoing Amendment To The Specification section. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the new title is descriptive and is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Responsive to the objection to the specification because it did not describe the duplexing path, Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to element 26 of Fig. 1 and line 4 of page 5 of the specification, which states that the duplexing path is indicated by arrow 26, and is shown in Fig. 1. Since duplexing path 26 is illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification, Applicant submits that the feature is shown and described and has taken no further action to amend the specification or the drawings of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the specification is in allowable form and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1, 7-10 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,035,160 (Kim), Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of claim 2 and amended claim 9 to incorporate the limitation of claim 11. Since claims 2 and 11 have been identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant submits that the amending of independent claims 1 and 9 to incorporate claims 2 and 11, respectively, serves to place claims 1, 7-10 and 15-17 in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Responsive to the objection of claims 2-6 and 11-14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of claim 2, amended claims 3 and 4 to change their dependency to amended claim 1; and amended claim 9 to incorporate the limitation of claim 11 and amended claim 12 to change its dependency. Further, Applicant has cancelled claims 2 and 11, since those limitations have now been incorporated in independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 3-6 and 12-14 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 18-21 are allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

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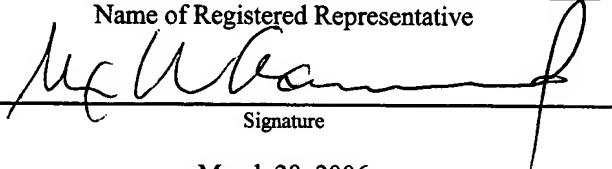
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